

2003 Battling Bass Official Entry Form

Make entry fee checks payable to Short Stay. Confirmation, tournament rules, and blast-off numbers will be mailed within two weeks. Entry fee received before 4:00 pm on April 25, 2003 is \$100 per two-person team. Entry fee received after 4:00 pm on April 25, 2003 is \$130 per team. Open to the public. The following information is required on all checks: social security number, work phone and home phone. Forward this form with payment to:

Short Stay
Attn: Tournament Director
211 Short Stay Road
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Team Member#1

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone# _____ Signature releases sponsor from
any liability for mishaps that may
occur during this tournament.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Team Member#2

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone# _____ Signature releases sponsor from
any liability for mishaps that may
occur during this tournament.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2003 Battling Bass Official Rules

The 2003 Battling Bass Open will be a 1-day tournament to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2003. A 80% prize payback of total entry fees will be in effect. Advertised prizes are based on a 50 team tournament. Additional cash prizes will be added for each additional 10 teams registered.

The following rules and regulations of the May 3, 2003 tournament and their interpretation will be left exclusively to tournament officials. Battling Bass 2003 will be a one-day tournament. The decisions of the officials shall be final in all cases. **NO OFF LIMITS IMPOSED FOR PRE-FISHING.**

1. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

Short Stay Naval Recreation Area will be the official headquarters. All participants will depart and return to this location.

2. TOURNAMENT HOURS

Blast-off will be at safe light and weigh-in will be at 3:00pm. A pre-tournament meeting will be held 6:00 am the date of the tournament at the Cooper Pavilion at Short Stay. Team members must sign in prior to blast off.

3. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS

Fishing is permitted on both Lakes Marion and Moultrie within areas specified by tournament officials, and on the Cooper River. Trailering will not be permitted!

4. ELIGIBILITY

Registrations will be limited to 150 boats. There will be no pre-registration cut-off, but all mail-in registrations must be received no later than April 25, 2003. Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse entry and to extend entry deadline. Tournament officials reserve the right to require members of prize winning teams to submit to polygraph testing.

5. BLAST-OFF

Blast-off will be determined by the order in which the official registration

form and entry fee is received. Boats may be flighted in 15 minute intervals depending on the number of entries. Live wells and safety equipment shall be checked prior to blast-off.

6. WEIGH-IN

Black Bass will be the only fish recognized at weigh-in. There will be a (6) fish limit per team. Fish must measure a minimum of 12" on the "Golden Rule" with mouth closed. Any attempt to weigh a fish that does not meet these requirements will result in the team's catch being culled, starting with the largest fish first. A dead fish penalty of 8 ounces per fish will be assessed for all dead fish weighed. For late weigh-ins, a 3oz. penalty per minute will be assessed. A team, more than 15 minutes late for weigh-in, will be disqualified.

7. BOATS & BOAT SAFETY

All fishing will be permitted only from the boat occupied at blast-off. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed immediately prior to or during the tournament. Any violations of these rules will result in immediate disqualification. As this is a team tournament, the entire team will be disqualified and all moneys paid will be forfeited. All rules and regulations of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department will be observed. Life jackets or vests must be worn when the combustible engine is running.

8. TACKLE

All fish must be caught using a rod and reel. Only manufactured tackle and artificial lures may be used. No use of live or prepared baits will be allowed. (Pork rinds are considered artificial.) No trolling as a means of fishing shall be allowed. A landing net may be used to lift fish from the boat. Only one rod may be used at a time.

9. SPORTSMANSHIP

No participant will fish within 50 yards (approximately 12 boat lengths) of another participant's boat if that participant's trolling motor is up and his anchor is down. Any participant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates any of the tournament's rules or South Carolina State fishing laws or boating laws will be promptly disqualified.

10. PROTESTS

Protests must be filed in writing to tournament officials within 20 minutes after weigh-in. Tournament officials' decision in such cases is final.

11. SCORING

Winners will be determined by total-catch weight per team. In case of a tie, the team weighing in the biggest fish will be declared the winner.

12. BIG FISH

An optional Big Fish Pool of \$10 per team will be offered. Moneys will be paid separate from entry fee. **CASH PAYMENT ONLY.**

LODGING INFORMATION

Lodging reservations will be made on a first come-first served basis. When you tell the reservationist that you are fishing the Battling Bass Tournament. Reservations are currently being made for the spring months so it is recommended that you make your reservations early.

Lodging reservations will be accepted in person at Short Stay or by phoning:
Local: 761-8353
Charleston: 743-2608
Long Distance: 1-800-447-2178